Unknown

From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 5:39 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Whitehorse

I have a suggestion regarding the requested trip to Whitehorse. The last we discussed we were looking at June 22 but not real excited about the amount of travel needed to get you from Fairbanks to Whitehorse and back to Anchorage. Instead of leaving from Juneau at 11:00 am June 19th, how about if I fly with you to Whitehorse earlier in the morning. It is only a 30-35 minute flight and your family could attend. We could meet with the Premier for an hour and do the 15 minute media wrap up as requested. It would be a two hour flight to Anchorage (about the same as from Juneau) and you could be in by 12:30 pm with plenty of time to make it to the office for your afternoon appointments. Thoughts?

Mike

Talking Points
for
Protection of our Subsistence Rights and Way of Life

These *Talking Points* were prepared by Ahtna, Incorporated, in response to the State of Alaska Board of Game's regulatory restrictions which have a negative impact to the rights of local subsistence users within the Ahtna Region.

Background

• On December 18th, 1971, Congress passed the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) with the expectation of preserving our rights to continue our traditional subsistence way of life.

• When neither the State nor the Secretary of the Interior fulfilled Congress' expectation, we Alaskan Natives petitioned for systematic and comprehensive statutory protections for our way of live.

• In Title VIII of ANILCA, Congress did not provide explicit protection of Alaska Native subsistence uses, choosing instead to enact a priority for subsistence uses by Alaska's "rural" residents – an action taken in response to objections by the State of Alaska to a Native preference.

• The State of Alaska then enacted its own conforming law giving a rural priority , thereby gaining the right to manage subsistence hunting and fishing on all federal public lands and waters in Alaska.

• In 1990, the State lost its right to manage subsistence fishing and hunting on federal lands and waters when the Alaska Supreme Court found that the State's rural-priority subsistence law violated its own Constitution.

• Since 1990, the Alaska Legislature, stymied by a minority of its members who oppose subsistence, has refused to allow a vote on a constitutional amendment that would allow a state law consistent with federal law, advocating instead for the repeal or weakening of Title VIII in order to strip Native villages of the only protection they still have for their subsistence way of life.

• In 1990, the federal government took over management of subsistence hunting on feral lands in Alaska; and later in the decade, its jurisdiction was expanded (by the *Katie John* suit) to cover subsistence fishing on reserved navigable waters, which are on or adjacent to those lands.

• The Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) adopted the state system as its starting point, incorporating into federal regulations all state subsistence regulations in place at the time; however, the state system has been manipulated to the point that state law provides little or no protection for the subsistence way o life, while federal regulations more accurately reflect customary and traditional practices of rural subsistence users.

• Since at least early 2005, the State has mounted a calculated campaign to enhance its own role in the federal management system and to change a number of important policies in ways that can

negatively impact the way subsistence is managed – all in order to bring the federal management system more in line with the state management system.

• In October 2006, the State Board of Game held meetings to consider 8 proposals directly related to units 11, 12, 13 and 20, six (6) of which would have negatively impacted the right of local subsistence users while opening these same units to sport and non-resident use. Evidence of their objectives are in the following actions taken:

- ➢ Reducing the number of hunts a proxy hunter can perform to one; which prevents our skilled hunter from providing for our elders and disabled.
- ➢ Requiring that a proxy hunter also be a Tier II permit holder which further prevents our skilled hunters from providing for our elders and disabled.
- ➢ Reducing the take from three to two – further reducing our ability to provide for ourselves and others in need in the community.
- ➢ Forcing Tier II users to split horns – traditionally, we would leave the horns in the field, now we'll have to take the time to saw through the horns before bringing them out.
- ➢ It should be noted that at this meeting, the Board of Game sponsored a proposal that would have created a "super exclusive" hunting area – which would have severely reduced our hunting grounds to a small area while opening certain lands within units 11, 12, 13 and 20 to sport and non-resident use without similar restrictions.

• In March 2007, the State Board of Game continued with their objective in systematically eliminating the rights of subsistence users while enhancing and protecting the rights of sport and non-resident hunter. Evidence of their objective are in the following actions taken:

- ➢ Requiring the hunter to salvage the head, hide, heart liver, and kidneys of a caribou. This places a hardship on our elders and will creates a problem where there wasn't one before
- ➢ Restricting hunting for moose and caribou from anywhere else in the state during a regulatory year if you obtain a Tier II Unit 13 permit for that species.
- ➢ Imposing an "**Income**" criterion for the Tier II application which will require applicants to provide a gross or pre-tax income for each member of their household. If the household has four members and together everyone makes more than $51,640 for that year, then the Tier II applicant will not receive ay points on their application.

Talking Points

• Under state law, if the harvestable portion of a fish or game stock is not sufficient to provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses, the Alaska board of Game is authorized to adopt regulations that eliminate other consumptive uses and make choices among subsistence users based on their customary and direct dependence on the wildlife population, and their ability to obtain food elsewhere if subsistence sues is restricted or eliminated.

• When a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses cannot be provided, even after eliminating all non-subsistence uses, the Board of Game is required to adopt a "Tier II" permit system which distinguished between Alaskan Residents based on two criteria: customary and direct

dependence on the game population as a mainstay of livelihood (60 points) and the ability to obtain food if subsistence use is restricted or eliminated (40 points).

• The Board of Game has adopted Tier II hunts for certain game units, including the Nelchina caribou herd in GMU 13. As a result of the All-Alaska policy, the Amount Necessary for Subsistence uses (ANS) for the Nelchina caribou herd is "all harvestable surplus" in order to provide subsistence uses for all Alaskans.

• The harvestable surplus of the Nelchina caribou herd has not nor ever will be sufficient to provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses for all Alaskans, resulting in a possible permanent Tier II status for all Alaskans to harvest caribou in GMU 13.

• Subsistence users in the Ahtna region and on the road system have been negatively impacted by the Board of Game's actions over the last year. It is clear to us that the Boards only objective is to find a way to get sport and non-resident hunters into units 11, 12, 13 and 20 and make Tier II user's hunts so difficult and oppressive they will choose to become sport hunters.

• The Ahtna region recognizes that the Tier II application process is flawed, but continues to support the existing Tier II regulation as the best protection for subsistence rights until such time as the Tier II application and point system and process can be revised to ensure that true subsistence users receive permits.

• The Board of Game is potentially establishing precedent with the adoption of additional restrictive regulations for subsistence users which may then be applied to other regions in the state as related to subsistence use.

Conclusion

The Ahtna people will continue to fight for our subsistence user rights. We will continue to attend the Board of Fish and Game meetings to protect our rights. It has been made overly clear to us that the objectives of the Alaska Board of Game have been to promote policies that negatively impact our subsistence way of life. The board of Game is attempting to open certain units to sport and non-resident use in violation of the Tier II regulation in times of shortage.

- We urge the State Boards of Fish and Game to revise the existing Tier II application process by simplifying the application and revising the point system to give extra points for the cost of locally purchased food and gasoline.
- We ask that the Department of Public Safety and ADF&G provide enforcement and punishment of those abusing the existing Tier II application process.
- We ask that the State Board of Game discontinue its efforts to further restrict subsistence users unduly by imposing unwarranted restrictions for means and methods and if such restrictions are adopted to impose the same restrictions on all users to include sport and non-resident users.

Subsistence hunting, fishing and gathering constitute the nutritional, spiritual and cultural foundation of Alaska's indigenous people and our village cultures. We must continue to protect these rights for all Alaskans.

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 9:46 AM

To: dowllc@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thu 6/7/2007 7:25 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Barry Kavanagh
address: 1021 W. 70th Ave Anchorage AK 99518
907-344-9494

MESSAGE:
Dear Ms. Sarah Palin,
Hello, my name is Barry Kavanagh. Anchorage Daily News announced the closing of Matanuska Maid Dairy operations, citing increased costs, and the relatively undeveloped status of some additionally profitable projects. This is an intolerable development to the economic function of Alaska and comes at a cost, not only of dollars but also history to this great state.

There must be some measure of corrective procedure taken including, but not limited to public fund drives, correction of personnel base, operational alteration of existing function or the seeking of funds at higher levels.

Given the history and longevity of this dairy operation, some other resolution can be effected other than to merely board it up and dissolve it's assets.

I pledge $100.00 to prevent this situation from occuring. If you could look into this and get back to me, you're more than welcome to my money. In fact I would spend 100.00 for a gallon of milk to ensure this didn't end as the board decided.

My son is four and as a single father we don't drink anything else. A hundred dollar gallon of milk is more than justified to us, if it would ensure us a steady supply of Mat-Maid dairy products.

Thank you for your time, and please have a good evening.
Barry Q. Kavanagh
1021 W. 70th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99518
907-344-9494

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 9:31 AM

To: francihav@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thu 6/7/2007 11:53 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Franci Havemeister
address: po box 467 palmer AK 99645
746-6583

MESSAGE:
Hi sarah,

I am trying to get a hold of you in regards to some Agriculture issues. I know your guys are working on the problem but wanted to touch bases anyway. Mat-Maid corporation has voted to close the plant effective July 6th. My in-laws were told the last milk pick up date will be June 27th. It is my understanding that the money allocated for the "bail out" was never received due to Mat-Maid CEO failing to comply to the stipulations. My father-in-law has contacted the slaughter house to see how long it would take to liquidate all the herds - I feel this is devastating news and very "Anti-agricultural" as well as unfair to the dairy farmers who have depended on the state to promote their product.

It is urgent that the state step in immediately to save the milk plant, as rumor has it that the employees are already resigning and all are looking for other work. Once they have left the plant it will be very difficult to get it up and running in any sort of productive manner.

Please give me a call at your earliest convenience

Thanks

Franci Havemeister
746-6583 or 232-0628

francihav@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 11:11 AM
To: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV)
Subject: FW: Fire Department Open House

From: Jeff Briggs [mailto:jbriggs@IAFF1264.COM]
Sent: Fri 6/8/2007 8:22 AM
To: Sarah H Palin
Subject: Fire Department Open House

Governor Palin and staff-
I have attached an invitation to the annual Fire Department open house, which is sponsored by both the Anchorage Fire Fighters Union Local 1264 and the Anchorage Fire Department. Please feel free to stop by with family and friends. This will be a fun event for everyone in the community.
I hope to see you there, June 9th between 10am & 4pm. Behind Fire Station 3 on Airport Heights.

Jeff Briggs
IAFF Local 1264
Legislative Liaison
907-441-2469

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 5:22 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Brad Cole

Sounds good. Thank you.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 5:18 PM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Re: Scott Ogan

I dont want to kick him off. It was our mistake, not his. So let's apologize and promise we'll be careful henceforth.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 17:03:38

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: FW: Scott Ogan

Governor,

I wanted you to know that the Mayor of the City and Borough of Yakutat requested to speak to you about hiring Scott Ogan. If you recall, he is at odds with the assembly and would like a statement from you regarding whether you would be willing to appoint him to fill Vic Kohring's seat(if he lived in the district). As you can see below, I asked Mike Nizich to give the Mayor a call and let him know that hiring Scott is a local decision and we have every confidence that the local community

will decide what is best. I did not want the Mayor to be throwing your name around. I hope you agree with that decision.

Mike

-----Original Message-----
From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 4:43 PM
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)
Subject: RE: Scott Ogan

Done, I had a good conversation with him. He is appreciative that I called him and wishes the Governor the best.

-----Original Message-----
From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 8:35 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)
Subject: RE: Scott Ogan

Mike,

Will you send David a note and let him know that the Governor is not going to answer his question. The decision should be made locally. We are all tasked every day to make decision based on the best interest of our constituents. We are confident that the Mayor and other local officials will be able to come to a conclusion that is in the best interest of the local people without the Governor's involvement.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: David Stone [mailto:situkrock1@hotmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2007 2:04 PM

To: Spencer, Kari L (GOV); Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)

Cc: situkrock@yahoo.com

Subject: Scott Ogan

Kari,

It is no secret that I disapprove of Scott Ogan becoming the Borough
Manager
of Yakutat, it is all over the papers. I still feel there is a public
trust
issue.

My question for the governor is:

Would the governor feel comfortable appointing Scott Ogan to replace Vic

Kohring, if Scott lived in Vic district?

The governor's answer will go no further than the executive session of
the
Assembly, unless she is endorsing Scott.

I know this is a very difficult question, but I respect the governor
opinion. I must make sure we hire the proper person to represent our
borough.

If the Assembly decides to hire Scott, his contract will come up at our

June 21 Assembly meeting, where I either approve it or veto it.

Thank you,

Dave Stone,Mayor

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 5:17 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Real Estate Commission

Not at the time of appointment but when I received a copy of the Legislative Audit letter, I presented it to her and requested she draft a reply. The Legislature's letter did not indicate which board but she knew at that point they were referring to the Real Estate Commission. I did not press her for a timeline of when she figured it out.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 5:09 PM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Re: Real Estate Commission

Did Ivy know this?

-----Original Message-----

From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 16:47:35

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Real Estate Commission

Governor,

We recently received a letter from Legislative Audit making a recommendation that we more closely monitor the statutory requirements prior to making an appointment. The comment comes from our appointment of Brad Cole to the Real Estate Commission. The statute requires three years experience as a broker to be eligible to serve and Brad's experience falls slightly short. We will send a very brief letter in response to the audit acknowledging their recommendation and concurring.

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Mike

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From: Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 2:05 PM
To: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV); gov.sarah@yahoo.com; 'Kristina Y Perry'; 'Todd Palin'
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); 'Joseph R Balash'; 'Tom E Irwin'; 'Martha K Rutherford'; 'John W Bitney'; 'Sharon W Leighow'; Spencer; Kari L (GOV)
Subject: RE: matmaid

Just an FYI -

The gasline team is heading to Washington, DC right now and so probably won't be able to respond until this evening and those DNR folks won't be able to participate on Wednesday; however, Deputy Commissioner Dick LeFebvre is in town. I will make him aware of the tour.

Thanks,

meg

Meghan N. Stapleton

Communications Director

Office of Governor Sarah Palin

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV) [mailto:sunny.cayce@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 1:48 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Kristina Y Perry; Todd Palin

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Joseph R Balash; Tom E Irwin; Martha K Rutherford; John W Bitney; Meghan N Stapleton; Sharon W Leighow; Spencer, Kari L (GOV)

Subject: RE: matmaid

Will do, it's down for Noon at this time. Kris or Todd, will you please let me know the actual time of the tour when it takes place?

Thank you,

Sunny

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 1:22 PM

To: Kristina Y Perry; Todd Palin

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Joseph R Balash; Tom E Irwin; Martha K Rutherford; John W Bitney; Meghan N Stapleton; Sharon W Leighow; Cayce, Sunny C (GOV); Spencer, Kari L (GOV)

Subject: Re: matmaid

Todd/kris- lets tour MatMaid in anch before heading to Kenai on Wednesday.

Sunny- pls put on schedule.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 21:19:25

To:"Kristina Y Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>,"Todd Palin" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 1:51 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Disaster Declaration

The letter is prepared and I can send you a copy electronically if you like. It is four pages long. I can send the letter to the signature machine as long as I certify that I have discussed the matter with you personally and have your permission. Thanks.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 1:48 PM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Re: Disaster Declaration

Good. Should I write something up here in SD?

-----Original Message-----

From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 13:44:24

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Disaster Declaration

Governor,

We have a draft letter prepared to the President requesting federal assistance to a state disaster declaration. Earlier this year, due to the Kenai River flood damage, declared a disaster and made financial assistance available. The State was unable at the time to determine the full impact due to ice coverage and as a result requested two extensions to the deadline for federal assistance. The State now has a better understanding of the damage and has compiled estimates of nearly $1.3 million for local government and state facilities and an additional $1.35 million to U.S. F&W facilities. Within the last 14 months, the state has seen four disasters that have been federally declared.

The letter needs to get out quickly and I am able to authorize signature; however, I need to sign a notarized affidavit that states that I have personally discussed this matter

with you and have your direction to proceed.

Mike

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 1:22 PM
To: Kristina Y Perry; Todd Palin
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Joseph R Balash; Tom E Irwin; Martha K Rutherford; John W Bitney; Meghan N Stapleton; Sharon W Leighow; Cayce; Sunny C (GOV); Spencer; Kari L (GOV)
Subject: Re: matmaid

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 21:19:25

To:"Kristina Y Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>,"Todd Palin" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 1:12 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Kristina Y Perry
Cc: Todd Palin
Subject: RE: Ketchikan

Governor,

The event is definitely a family event. The Safe Schools/Healthy Students project and the Boys and Girls Club are partnering with community agencies to put together this year's Family Day Celebration. Last year's event had over 300 attendees. There are many family activities and the invitation letter specifically invited you and your family. They are also requesting you prepare a proclamation designating the 3rd Saturday of June as Alaska Family Day Celebration. Any chance Willow would read the proclamation?

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 1:02 PM

To: Kristina Y Perry; Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Todd Palin

Subject: Re: Ketchikan

Hi kris- do you remember if its a kid-friendly event? Was the family invited? If so, could still go if Pip and Willow travel, if not then no b/c I'm not leaving them with sitters for that long (on top of not having see Willow since May 22)

-----Original Message-----

From: Kris Perry <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>

Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 12:50:42

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:'Michael A Tibbles' <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>,'Todd Palin' <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Subject: Ketchikan

Governor,

Now that the cabinet meeting is Friday, is Ketchikan still a go for Saturday?

Kris

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 12:39 PM
To: Rutherford; Martha K (DNR)
Subject: Re: Wow!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Marty Rutherford <marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us>

Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 14:19:03

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Wow!

Governor,

Thanks for the kind words, but I consider working for you the greatest honor of my career, and I thank God for you. You are what will save Alaska's future for our kids, as you always have that as your focus. Thank you for resurrecting my faith in leadership! It is now a pleasure to serve.

Marty

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

To: "Martha K Rutherford" <marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us>

Sent: 6/10/07 7:58 AM

Subject: Wow!

Super story about you in the ADN! It was great. Kizzia could have added so much more about your interesting background, your passion for Alaska, your expertise in natural resources, etc... but what he covered was very good.

Alaska is truly fortunate to have you. Thanks again for making sacrifices and joining this team. Ya' gotta beleive it will be worth it for our kids' sake!

You're a great woman, Marty. Thanks for everything.